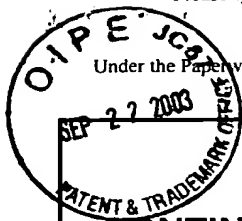


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Application Number	09/638,570
Filing Date	August 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Roger William Gutwein, et al.
Group Art Unit	1761
Examiner Name	A. J. Weier
Attorney Docket Number	7721M
Confirmation Number	9947

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 09/23/2003 MGE BREH1 00000097 162480 09638570
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 750.00 DA
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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